



# **MINUTES OF THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE MEETING JUNE 25, 2009**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Leroy Brownlee, Chairman  
Abraham Carpenter, Jr., Vice-Chairman  
Richard L. Mays, Jr., Secretary/Member  
John Felts, Member  
Carolyn Robinson, Member  
John Belken, Member  
Joseph Peacock, Member

**HEARING EXAMINERS:**

Ernest Sanders, Jr., Attorney  
James L. Williams, II, Attorney

**ABSENT/EXCUSED WITH  
VALID REASON(S)**

Carol V. Bohannon, Attorney

**MINUTES PREPARED BY:** Sharon Lewis, Management Project Analyst

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Larry Norris, Director, Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC)  
Dr. William “Dubs” Byers, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools, Arkansas Correctional School  
Dr. Bill Glover, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Arkansas Correctional School (ACS)  
Dan Roberts, Deputy Director, Department of Community Correction (DCC)  
Jeff Tillman, Assistant Director, Department of Community Correction  
Rhonda Sharp, Public Relations, DCC & ABP  
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, DCC  
Don Barnes, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General’s (AG’s) Office  
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Assistant, ABP  
Solomon Graves, User Support Analyst, ABP  
Lois Hansberry, Administrative Assistant, ABP

**Called to Order**

*Brownlee* called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 9:30 a.m.

**Approval of June 11, 2009 Minutes**

*Carpenter* moved. *Felts* seconded. Motion carried.

**Population Reports**

The Board reviewed reports from: ADC, DCC and ABP. It was noted that the population at ADC and DCC was steady increasing.

**Attorney General's Office**

Mr. Barnes stated there were no new lawsuits pending.

**Hearing Examiners' Reports**

The Hearing Examiners presented their report on the hearings they conducted during the month of June.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ACA & ABP Updates:** Mr. Graves reported a mock audit on the accreditation files was conducted by DCC staff on June 5th. The completion date for the ACA files which required modification to them is July 31<sup>st</sup>.

A tentative schedule for parole office visits from July – October 09 will be submitted to the Board.

Minutes from ABP Board meetings will now be posted on the agency's website.

To obtain the necessary accredited training hours, the Chairman will begin assigning training courses for Board and staff members to attend.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A Hearing Examiner will serve as back up to board members conducting hearings via video and/or at the units.

Board members were requested to notify the Chairman and Tamara Salaam of any changes needed to the hearing schedule.

**FILES FOR DISCUSSION - REVIEW**

An overview of the victim input hearings listing was conducted.

**RATIFICATION OF VOTES**

*Mays* moved. *Carpenter* seconded the motion to ratify the units. Motion carried.

**Break – 9:45 a.m. The meeting reconvened @ 9:55 a.m.**

**OTHER**

Dr. Bill Glover and Dr. Dubs Byers of Arkansas Correctional School (ACS) distributed a copy and made a presentation on the study they conducted on the recidivism rate and employment patterns of inmates released from the Arkansas Department of Correction. Question & Answer (Q & A) session was conducted with good reviews on the presentation.

The Chairman recognized and welcomed Larry Norris, ADC Director and other guests in attendance. Chairman Brownlee complimented ADC and DCC staff on the great job they were doing.

This meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

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**SIGNATURE ON FILE**  
**LEROY BROWNLEE**  
**CHAIRMAN**

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**SIGNATURE ON FILE**  
**RICHARD L. MAYS, JR.**  
**SECRETARY**

**ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE  
FULL BOARD RATIFICATION VOTES BY UNITS**

**JUNE 2009**

<b><u>UNITS:</u></b>	<b><u>RATIFIED (X)</u></b>
<b>BENTON</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>CACCC</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>CUMMINS</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>DIAGNOSTIC</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>EAST</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>MISSISSIPPI CO.</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>NEACCC</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>OUACHITA REGIONAL</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>PINE BLUFF</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>RANDALL L. WILLIAMS CORR.</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>SEARCC</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>SWACCC</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>TRCC</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>VARNER</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>WRIGHTSVILLE</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>OTHER: RESCINDS &amp; TRANSFER SCREENINGS, ACT 290'S SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS, 700'S, RECONSIDERATION, REVOCATION APPEALS, CLEMENCIES, PARDONS, ETC.</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**MOTION BY:** RICHARD MAYS, JR.      **SECONDED BY:** ABRAHAM CARPENTER, JR.

**RATIFICATION DATE:** JUNE 25, 2009